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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you to address the antitrust settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. Both my wife Adele and I are in favor of the current settlement and putting an end to these proceedings immediately.

Under the terms of the settlement, Microsoft will grant computer makers the rights to configure Windows to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included in Windows. Computer makers may now replace peripheral Windows components such as Internet Explorer and Media Player with access to non-Microsoft software such as Netscape Communicator and Real Player. Microsoft has also agreed to release internal operating interfaces of Windows to its competitors for the purposes of their own software development.

We both have used Microsoft products for many years without complaint and have never seen the monopolistic face that has been portrayed by the advocates of the antitrust case. We believe that the litigation process is being unnecessarily drawn out by the remaining unsettled states. Their refusal to the settlement is wasting valuable time and resources, including our tax dollars. Given the current state of our nations economy, we think that it is absurd to continue deliberating this issue any longer.

Cordially,

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